

We are testifying *against* the Governor's proposed budget cuts to DDS.

Our 11 year old son receives DDS services and these services have been life saving for him. Our son has a complex diagnosis of three interacting conditions: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Mood Disorder and Common Variable Immunodeficiency. He was hospitalized two years ago. Since then, it has been a team effort of his DDS workers, his psychiatrist and us, his parents, to keep him stable, living at home and attending school. Caring for him in a family of five cuts into work life and time with our other two children. We could not do it without DDS support. We worry about his well being if funding is cut.

We ask that the Appropriations committee to stop the cuts to DDS, and restore full funding to DDS.

Sincerely,
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